



# Thornlea School Council

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## Meeting Details and Participants

Date / Time	<b>Tuesday, October 17, 2023 7:00pm to 8:30pm</b> <b>Virtual Meeting</b>					
Executive Committee And School Participants	✓	Myra C. (Co-Chair)	✓	Aroon B. (Co-Chair)	✓	Mr. Burzese (Principal)
	✓	Diana L. (Secretary)	✓	Sharon A. (Communication)	✓	Ms. Johnson-Lee (Vice Principal) Ms. Patrick (Vice Principal)
	x	Jennifer F. (Treasurer)		Teacher Representative		Student Council Representatives
			x	- Mr. Ram	✓	- Chisom A. (TSAC)
			✓	- Ms. Lewin	✓	- Deeba H. (TWIC)
Members at Large	✓	Lee Ann C.	x	Jennifer I.	✓	Mandy S.
	✓	Grace Y.	✓	Amir S.	✓	Angela Y.
	✓	Jenn D.	✓	Eileen M.	✓	Peter D.
	x	Jane P.				
Attendees	✓	Mr. Alkins (Guidance)	✓	Katherine S.		
	✓	Jady Kim	✓	Siga		
	✓	Sal	✓	Garry Hua		
	✓	Brian				

## Agenda and Minutes

#	Topic	Lead
1.	<b>Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgement, Virtual Norms</b>	<b>Vice Principal: Ms. Patrick</b>
2.	<b>Student Reports:</b>  <b>Thornlea Student Activity Council (TSAC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TSAC meets once a week to discuss events</li> <li>• Thunder Rally on Monday Oct. 23, which will promote upcoming TSAC events</li> <li>• Homecoming/semi-formal event on Nov. 16 (homecoming ticket is \$78/person)</li> <li>• Spirit week also coming up</li> </ul> <b>Thornlea Wellness Initiative Council (TWIC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TWIC is hosting a world cup soccer tournament</li> <li>• Chemistry Club - pumpkin decorating contest at the end of October</li> </ul>	<b>Student Council Reps:</b>  <b>Chisom A. (TSAC)</b>  <b>Deeba H. (TWIC)</b>
3.	<b>Guidance Department</b> <b>How to Apply to University and other pathways</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ontario Universities' Fair will take place this weekend (Oct. 21 and 22) – will be very crowded, so get there early (9:30am), select top 3 universities that you would like to speak to</li> <li>• Ontario College Fair on Oct. 18 and 19</li> <li>• Apprenticeship Fair on Nov. 15 and 16</li> <li>• Student Life Expo on Nov 18 may interest students who want to take a gap year</li> </ul>	<b>Head of Guidance: Mr. Alkins</b>



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- Lunch & Learn sessions for universities/colleges will be provided next school year (may not have enough time to organize for current school year) → representatives from universities/colleges will visit during lunch time to provide info and answer questions
- To make an appointment with Guidance counselor, go to Thornlea's Guidance webpage:  
<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/guidance/Pages/default.aspx> and click the Google form link to make an appointment
- This year at Thornlea – about 220 Grade 12 students will be applying to universities and about 45 students will be applying to colleges
- For university applications, watch OUAC video and read through the slide deck available on  
<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/guidance/Pages/University.aspx>
- For college applications, watch the OCAS video and read through the slide deck available on  
<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/guidance/Pages/College.aspx>
- Grade 12 students should create an account on OUAC or OCAS soon
- OUAC: email address used in the account should be professional, try not to use YRDSB email address which expires 4 weeks after graduation
- Equal Consideration deadline will be: Jan 15 for Ontario universities, Feb 1 for McGill, Feb 1 for Ontario colleges
- Do not wait until the deadline to apply → apply early to show the university/college you are interested and also to start receiving info or supplementary application forms from the schools
- OUInfo <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/> - this website is great for researching about the different programs; use the upper end of the admission averages provided on the website as guideline
- Most accessible average: 75% (for example, generalist BA program in mass communication)
- Some programs, such as McMaster's Health Sciences program, requires a 95% average for the application to be looked at
- Guidance will upload mid-term marks to OUAC and OCAS on Nov. 17
- Rolling conditional offers start in Dec and through to May 29, 2024
- Jan 15 is a hard deadline for equal consideration; after Jan 15, student can still add university for \$50/school; but if it's a competitive program, student may be at the back of the line
- Students must respond to an offer by June 3, 2024 - \$500 to \$1000 to reserve a spot
- Do Grade 11 marks matter in university applications? Is my mark from summer school or night school online courses treated the same as day school courses? It all depends on the competitiveness of the programs and what the strategic enrolment management teams of the university look for in the current application cycle
- In prior years, about 30% to 45% Thornlea students got into their first choice program, about 90% Thornlea students got into their top 3 choice
- About five Grade 12 students will be applying to US university each year
- US D1 or D2 schools → athletic scholarships availability depends on the sports (NCAA scholarships)
- Any Thornlea students got into Ivy Leagues? There has been students who got offers from Columbia, UCLA





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7.	<b>Round Table – Other Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pre-AP program discontinued for Grades 9 and 10 – who can we contact to express our concerns?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ According to the superintendent and trustee, the change is final. However, there are still AP courses for Grades 11 and 12. Students are free to enroll in AP courses after Grade 10.</li></ul></li></ul>	<b>Jady K.</b>
8.	<b>Adjournment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm</li></ul>	